

Hawaii Marine



Marines and sailors of Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment present Capt. Morris Sharber Jr., commanding officer of Echo Battery, 2nd Bn., 12th Marines with a gift after the battery's deactivation ceremony at Dewey Square, Tuesday.

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

More than 100 Marines and sailors of Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, stood at Dewey Square for their last formation together, Tuesday.

Family, friends and fellow unit leaders attended the event in which the battery, attached to 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, deactivated in a formal ceremony. Although this was not a typical battalion-level ceremony, the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band made a rare exception and provided musical accompaniment.

Capt. Morris Sharber Jr., the commanding officer of Echo Battery, stood firmly and quietly as 1st Sgt. Enrique Lopez, Echo battery first sergeant, approached the front of the formation. As all looked on in silence, Lopez retrieved the red and gold guidon from battery executive officer 1st Lt. Dan Ealy and Cpl. Matthew Palmer, a cannoneer for Echo Battery, and carried it to a lone stand near the audience.

Echo Battery was first activated in

1927 and deactivated a year later. Since then, it has been activated three more times. Echo Battery was most recently activated at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in 2008, and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

"For the Marines and sailors of Battery E, I cannot thank you enough for the service you've given to your country ... Although your unit's flag is being deactivated and furled today know that you are a part of history," said Lt. Col. Michael Roach, the commanding officer of 1st Bn., 12th Marines, who offered remarks at the ceremony. "We'll always be with you ... you'll always talk about these moments and times with excitement and reminisce about it because you were part of history today ... the world is a safer place because of you serving against the War on Terror ... Battery E, we ask you to take a knee."

Roach and Sgt. Maj. Paul Davis, the battalion sergeant major of 1st Bn., 12th Marines also awarded Sharber with a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his work with the remain behind element and as the commanding officer.

"It (was) a sad day for me," Ealy said. "It's a battery that I will hold dear to my heart because it was a tight brotherhood."

Ealy, a native of Moundsville, W.Va., has been part of Echo Battery for three years, and served as a platoon commander while the battery was deployed to Kajaki District, Afghanistan. He said he looks forward to taking leave, as Echo Battery has been extremely busy with Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012 and two Spartan Fury exercises. Most recently, the battery has returned from the unit deployment program to Okinawa from October 2012 to May 2013. The Marines and sailors trained at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, supporting operations for 12th Marine Regiment and firing more than 1,400 rounds.

"It's been full speed for us for the last 14 (to) 15 months," Ealy said. "(I'm) looking forward to the Marines getting their time off as well."

Former Echo Battery Marines and sailors are currently transitioning to one

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Marines keep poker faces in shooting competition

Sgt. Sarah Fiocco
Marine Rotational Force — Darwin

ROBERTSON BARRACKS, Northern Territory, Australia — Marines with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force — Darwin, and Australian soldiers with 12th platoon, Delta Company, 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, faced off in a poker-shoot competition, May 16.

After 22 teams took aim at full decks of playing cards as their targets, only one team of Marines walked away victors, shooting the best hands throughout the competition.

Even though this competition put a different spin on playing poker, one thing remained the same: competitors still needed to come up with a strategy.

"Our game plan was to keep good communication with the Marines on our team," said Lance Cpl. Jeremy Coulon, member of the winning team, with weapons platoon, Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, MRF-D. "We utilized the 10 seconds we had on the line to verify where the placements of the cards were on the target. We were gunning for the aces."

Although the Australian soldiers had seen better days, they still thought the competition was unique and fun.

"It was something different. We do a lot of grouping shoots, so it was fun to get out and play cards with the Marines," said Australian Army Pvt. Kristan Vance, one of the competitors with 12th platoon., Delta Co., 5RAR. "We had a little system. People would scan the ranks of cards for aces, but unfortunately, they beat us by two high."

Leaders with Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, MRF-D, said not only did this competition break the monotony of typical shoots, but it also provided the Marines and Australian soldiers with some intense marksmanship training by

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Veteran, corpsman, islander: Local sailor earns top honors

Cpl. Isis M. Ramirez
U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

A Hawaii-based corpsman has certainly been making an impression on units throughout the Pacific region. Chief Petty Officer Joseph C. Santos, Marine Aircraft Group 24 leading petty officer, was awarded Sailor of the Year for MAG-24 in April, but that was just the beginning.

Santos, a petty officer first class at the time, also won the Sailor of the Year boards for 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and III Marine Expeditionary Force, separately. Upon these accomplishments, Santos was selected as the top sailor for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, making him MarForPac's representative for more than 4,700 sailors. After all of these "green-side" accomplishments, he became the U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year, finishing his climb to become one of the top four sailors in the U.S. Navy.

Born in Saipan, raised in Guam, and having served in Hawaii and California, Santos is a true Pacific sailor who has never viewed the Navy through rose-colored glasses.

Unlike many U.S. service members, Santos' attraction to the Navy has very little to do with travel or pay.

"When I was like 15 or 16, I read a newspaper article about a Navy sailor hospital corpsman who ran through a minefield to save a wounded Marine,"



WASHINGTON — Chief Petty Officer Joseph Santos, a hospital corpsman and the 2012 Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year, has his anchors pinned on by his family during the 2012 Sailor of the Year Pinning Ceremony. Santos and three other 2012 Sailors of the Year were meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer during a ceremony by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark E. Ferguson, May 16.

Santos said. "I thought, 'man, that is quite a job.'"

The story lingered in the young man's mind until he was 17 years old, meeting the requirement for an age-related enlistment waiver.

"I remembered that story when I went to the recruiters' office in Guam," Santos said, who also remembers the moment the recruiters offered him

the choice between two jobs, a cook or a corpsman. "Isn't a corpsman that guy who ran through a minefield to save that Marine? I want to try being a corpsman."

In 2004, Santos was part of Operation Vigilant Resolve (commonly referred to as "Fallujah I") with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. He said his unit saw a lot of action throughout that deployment and had a lot of casualties to show for it.

"I look back at it," Santos said. "Damn, I'm that guy now. I'm not running through a minefield, I'm running through a road with (improvised explosive devices) ... I'm living that moment today."

It was during this deployment that Santos was injured and awarded a Purple Heart. As he healed physically, the anger and hatred he was exposed to in Iraq never subsided.

"You hate (the enemy), hate this country, hate your job, hate your leadership - eight months of listening to that on a constant basis changes the way you think," Santos explained in his calm, matter-of-fact tone. "When you come back ... you become this different animal. You're not that sailor everyone thinks (you are). You're kind of intimidating, kind of scary. You're reckless after a combat (tour)."

Santos explained that in 2004, transitioning

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Racers enjoy run around Nuupia Ponds for "101 Days of Summer," B-1



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NEWS BRIEFS

University of Hawaii to host Abraham Lincoln symposium

In conjunction with the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, the University of Hawaii at Manoa will host the James Oliver Horton Symposium on Abraham Lincoln Sunday in the art auditorium from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., followed by a reception from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The symposium will feature a trio of renowned and respected guest speakers. Tickets are available online at <http://lincoln.hawaii-conference.com/> or by calling the UH Hilo Conference Center at 974-7555.

Trade for treasured items at Diva Closet Swap

The Diva Closet Swap for adult family members of active duty service members is scheduled for today at Mololani Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Participants must donate. Bring your gently used and washed clothing and accessories (hats, bags, scarves) to trade. Apparel we are looking for: work, casual day out, evening wear, night-on-the town. Drop off apparel to Marine Corps Family Team Building in building 216 by today. Child care is reimbursable. For details, call 257-2653.

New hours for decal registration, check in/out and fingerprints

The new hours for the decal registration/check in/out and fingerprints section are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with closures on all Federal Holidays. The new hours are in effect and they are located on the second floor of the Provost Marshal’s Office, building 1095. For more information, call 257-0183.

Massachussetts to hold special general election for U.S. Senate

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold a special general election for U.S. Senate, June 25, to fill the seat vacated by Sen. John Kerry. Active duty service members, their spouses, dependents, and U.S. government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the U.S. must submit a Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot. Register to vote and request an absentee ballot electronically, or by mail or fax, using the Federal Post Card Application automated tool at <http://www.fvap.gov/request/request-ma.html>. Indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (by mail, fax or email). The FPCA request deadline is before noon, Eastern Daylight Time, June 24. Note you will not receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the Nov. 6, 2012 general election.

The deadline for votes received by fax, email, or mail from within the U.S. is before 8 p.m. EDT, June 25. Voted ballot received by election authority for ballots returned by mail from “outside” the U.S. should be postmarked by June 25 and received before 5 p.m. EDT, July 5. For more information, visit <http://www.FVAP.gov>, call 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS), or email vote@fvap.gov. You can also contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers for assistance.

Memorial Day lei donations for veteran graves

Every year, Hawaii honors the veteran grave sites on Memorial Day by placing a lei at each grave. The City and County of Honolulu fire stations are accepting lei donations. The closest fire station to the base is across from Aikahi Shopping Center outside the back gate. To donate, drop off lei(s) today from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Leis can also be dropped off at the cemeteries on Memorial Day. For details, call Greg Casler at 285-5694.

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Five Palms reopens with tropical renovation



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Palm trees stand outside the newly-renovated tropical style Five Palms temporary housing unit on Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Five Palms temporary housing unit has a new tropical style, after initial renovations finished in April. During the re-opening held Wednesday, luau music played over loudspeakers and the palm trees framing the tan building swayed in the wind. People gathered and took tours through the newly renovated rooms, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The two story-housing unit is used mostly for temporary additional duty military. Due to lack of TAD service members, family members and service members can stay in the unit. However, TAD military have priority, and there is no limit on how many days someone can stay.

The renovation, which took more than three years, will benefit service members and their families by offering an affordable place to stay.

Five Palms has most of its rooms ready for guests, but it will never stop being updated.

A regular suite costs \$66 a night and Alii suites cost \$72 a night. Out of the 82 rooms, 53 are regular suites and 26 are Alii suites. There are also three larger suits, some of which are still being renovated.

The renovators are planning VIP suites that will feature a bedroom, full living area, kitchen, one and

a half baths, and a large window with a full view of the ocean.

Tony Brum, the general manager, said the money for the VIP suites will come from the profits generated from renting existing rooms.

Coordinators said the comfortably sized rooms were made on a budget, but with an upscale look. Each room features a sitting room and bedroom featuring wicker furniture with Hawaiian patterns and photos of the island, as well as a small refrigerator and coffee maker. There are extension cords in each of the rooms and multiple outlets for personal computers and electronics. Every room has free Wi-Fi, and every hallway has free washers and dryers.

The 24-hour fitness center features TVs and blu-ray players and is accessible with a pin code. In the gym there are treadmills, elliptical, free weights, and weight lifting machines.

On the side of the building, there is a sitting area and a small kitchenette with a stove to relax and enjoy the views.

“I couldn’t be happier with the way it turned out,” said Ray Rippel, the director of the Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Division. “I remember when I was here 20 years ago. We had broken furniture and no TV. This is what I believe is the best in the Marine Corps.”

WEST EARNS LEGION OF MERIT



Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Master Gunnery Sgt. Lloyd West (second from left), Marine Corps Community Services chief and native of Marietta, Pa., was presented the Legion of Merit at the Headquarters Battalion building on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, May 16. Since July 2007, West also supported over 12,000 service members, 8,000 family members, retirees, employees and other federal agencies aboard MCB Hawaii.

‘WINDJAMMERS’ BEGIN NEW ERA UNDER NEW CO



Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Cmdr. Blandon Picl, (left) the incoming commanding officer of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 51 and native of South Bend, Ind., salutes Cmdr. Jonathan Hurst, the outgoing commanding officer and native of Seattle, Wash., during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 105 on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday. Recently the squadron’s executive officer, Picl has served with VR-51 since 2002 and held billets in each of the squadron’s departments.

AROUND THE CORPS

Military honored in Armed Forces Day parade

Cpl. Mark Garcia
1 Marine Expeditionary Force

Torrance, Calif. — In the city’s longest standing tradition, service members were honored during the 54th annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade, in Torrance, Calif., May 18.

The event held May 17 through Sunday featured a military exhibit with various tactical vehicles and equipment on display, a free concert and the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, which is the nation’s longest running military parade sponsored by a city.

The grand marshal was retired Maj. Gen. Melvin G. Spiese, former deputy commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force. The honorary grand marshals for the event were retired Capt. Edward Q. Hicks and retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Robert D. Reid, both of whom are Montford Point Marines. Montford Point, a facility at Camp Lejeune, N.C., received the first African-Americans to enlist in the Marine Corps.

“As we’re getting back to downsizing the force, the opportunity for those in uniform to interact with their fellow citizens is starting to diminish,” Spiese said. “So events like this give the people of the south bay and the city of Torrance the opportunity to meet those in uniform and really understand the quality of people who are serving our country and improve the confidence they have of those who wear the uniform.”

More than 500 future service members participated in a mass oath of enlistment administered by Spiese. It was a humbling experience for the Montford Point Marines.

“When you look around and you see the things that took place here today, when all those people got sworn in, and you look at all the cultures, then it goes to show everything that you went through was all worthwhile, and it can only get better,” Hicks said.

Each year a different branch of the military is



Cpl. William Jackson | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Training Center Twentynine Palms, Montford Point Marines receive a standing ovation as they are honored for their sacrifices made in helping to pave the way for minorities in the armed forces at the 54th annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade at Torrance, Calif., May 18. The Montford Point Marines were the first African-Americans to enlist in the Marine Corps.

honored. This year celebrated the Marine Corps.

“I’m very proud to represent the United States Marine Corps,” Hicks said. “It’s a very fine organization. There will never be an organization like the Marine Corps.”

The Montford Point Marines received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011 and were proud to

be recognized during the parade. Hick’s appreciated the credit but was humble about being considered a hero.

“The only heroes are those that didn’t come back. Those that became prisoners of war and those who received Purple Hearts - those guys were the real heroes as far as I’m concerned,” Hicks said.

Checkerboards celebrate 70 years of warfighting excellence

Sgt. Marcy Sanchez
Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C. — Marine Corps aviation is a strategic system of fixed-wing, rotary and supporting squadrons that are commissioned, decommissioned and re-designated as necessary. Not many squadrons have a lustrous history that stems back to World War II.

To celebrate more than a half-century of aircraft support for Marines from World War II to Operation Enduring Freedom and everywhere in between, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312 will be celebrating their 70th anniversary with a rededication to colors ceremony aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, May 23 through 24.

The squadron, originally designated as Marine Fighter Squadron 312, was commissioned on June 1, 1943 at Page Field, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island with a fleet of F4U-1D Corsairs.

More than half a century later, the Marines of VMFA-312, or “Checkerboards” as they are nicknamed, are still preparing for deployments with the F/A-18 Hornet.

“We will be rededicating every battle streamer on the squadron colors in an official ceremony,” said Maj. Charles Jindrich, the executive officer for VMFA-312.

After the rededication, the squadron will host a lunch at their hangar where different military vehicles and the F/A-18 Hornet will be on display and offering tours of MCAS Beaufort’s F/A-18 Hornet flight simulator, said Jindrich.

Today, the squadron is slated to hold a golf tournament at MCRD Parris Island followed by a traditional Lowcountry boil at Traditions restaurant aboard Parris Island.

The geographical location of VMFA-312 is also part of the unique history that encompasses the squadron.

“Not every fighter squadron in the Marine Corps has its roots where they are right now,” said Jindrich, a native of Chicago. “It’s cool to see where we came from.”

Jindrich has been with the squadron since 2011 and is well aware of the squadron’s history. The Marine Corps is infamous for its tradition and history resulting in high esprit de corps in Marines. Even the newest Marines are trained to embody tradition and history.

For Pfc. Christopher Armstrong, one of the newest Marines of the “Checkerboard” family, learning about the squadron’s past is one thing he intends to do while serving with them.

“I like to know the history about things,” said Armstrong, an airframe technician with VMFA-312 and native of Doniphan, Mo. “You have to know the history of something to know how



Sgt. Marcy Sanchez | Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Marines from the Ordnance, Poweline and Avionics workcenters of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312 tow a F/A-18 Hornet into VMFA-312’s hangar for regular maintenance aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, May 10.

the future is going to be.”

From the Marine Corps’ 35th Commandant, Gen. James Amos, who once served as the commanding officer of VMFA-312, to Armstrong, who has been serving with the squadron for one month, the “Checkerboards” continue to illuminate their runway with history and tradition.

“There are a lot of people out there who support not only VMFA-312 but the Marine Corps as a whole,” said

Jindrich. “It’s pretty eye-opening and eye watering at the same time.

“I see the squadron having an 80th anniversary, for the next 10 years there will be ‘Checkerboards’ somewhere around the world.”

The rededication ceremony was open to those who have served with VMFA-312 past or present and will commence May 23. The golf tournament at The Legends Golf Course on Parris Island commenced at 9 a.m. today.

CLB-6 sacks Lead Mountain, removes forward operating base

Cpl. Paul Peterson
2nd Marine Logistics Group

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — By midday, heat from the unrelenting sun bore down atop the rubble of Lead Mountain. The once forward operating base buried away in the desert here remains barely a 530-square-meter outline in the sand.

An old home to platoons of M1A2 Abrams tanks, each more than 60-tons of churning metal tracks and plate armor, the training center here has long targeted the location for permanent removal — now little more than a footnote in base history.

The FOB’s first wall, six feet tall and nearly just as thick, took only hours to demolish after the arrival of Engineer Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, May 10.

By May 12, two days after the start of the project, a tent set up by the engineers stood the tallest of the few structures still atop the mountainside. The three remaining earthen walls quickly disappeared as the battalion completed a mission proposed nearly five years earlier.

CLB-6, based out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., became the first unit to fit the operation into its training schedule and sent a team of approximately 26 service members to accomplish the task.

“We had two (bulldozers) pushing on the berm pretty much from sun up to sun down,” said Warrant Officer Alan M. Bullwinkel, the range safety officer in charge of the team. “They’re all working as one platoon, and a lot of these guys have never worked together.”

Seven guard posts quickly fell alongside the berm wall

before the unit turned its attention to the most daunting portion of the base: The reinforced point of entry.

A thick chain of HESCO barriers, chest-high wire-mesh containers with heavy duty fabric liners filled with dirt, served as the core of the structure.

Nearly 430 individual HESCO cells needed to be torn down, loaded onto trucks, and recycled.

“Usually we can hit it with the dozer or pull it apart,” said Bullwinkel. “(However), everything gets tangled up, and there’s no way to strap the mess down to a trailer or dump truck to get it out of here.”

The mass of snarled metal could stretch more than 60 meters in an area heavily used by training infantry units, Bullwinkel said.

The battalion developed a clever but labor intensive solution. Heavy equipment operators teamed up with motor transportation specialists, combat engineers, bulk fuel and utilities specialists to painstakingly dig out and cut the wires connecting the barrier segments.

The Marines then used large mechanical lifts to slide the remaining sections of wire out of the walls, like pulling blocks out of a Jenga tower, before obliterating the remnants with a bulldozer.

The backbreaking work stained the Marines’ green shirts with white lines of crystallized sweat and coated their arms with a layer of powdered sand. When the sun hit its peak, the unyielding heat of more than 100 degrees forced the crew to halt and rest for a few hours before working into the night.

The Marines were finally able to take a breath when they finished the job May 14, three days ahead of schedule.



Cpl. Paul Peterson | 2nd Marine Logistics Group Cpl. Evan D. Williams, a Columbus, Ohio, native and combat engineer with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, clears dirt from the side of a barrier during a deconstruction project at Twentynine Palms, Calif., May 12.

'Island Warriors' conduct noncombatant evacuation operation training

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS — As the chaos of noncombatant evacuation operation training surrounded them, Marines with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment worked together to subdue the crowd of role-players simulating wounded, scared civilians at MCTAB military operations on urban terrain town, May 16.

Staff Sgt. Brian Armbruster, the platoon sergeant for second platoon, Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, said the purpose of the NEO training exercise was to support Combat Logistics Battalion 3's mission.

"We were there to conduct evacuations and provide security during civil unrest," said Armbruster, a native of Bailey, Colo. "My platoon's main effort was surrounding an area outside the embassy of the MOUT town, suppressing protestors and enemy combatants."

To help make the situation as realistic as possible, makeup artists applied fake blood and fashioned simulated wounds to some of the role-players. There were chest wounds, extremity wounds and amputee wounds.

Armbruster said the role players were given scenarios to add to the training exercise.

"The role players were asking the Marines for food, or mobbing us to add to the confusion," Armbruster said. "The added confusion simulates real-life situations. This helps the Marines deal with escalation of force."

Armbruster said the training the Marines conducted is versatile.

"This type of training is applicable to any location," Armbruster said. "There are examples of civil unrest in places like Egypt and Syria, and we would go in, secure the area and process people."

The role-players screamed and bombarded the Marines, asking for help and shelter as the sounds of combat blasted from the loud speakers, and mock improvised explosive devices detonated, sending a billow of white smoke into the air.

Lance Cpl. Brian Tebo, third squad leader for second platoon, Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, said it was his first time conducting this type of training.

"We learned to deal with civilians and threats at the same time," Tebo said, a native



A Marine with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment provides cover during noncombatant evacuation operation training with role-players at MCTAB military operations on urban terrain town, May 16.

of Irvine, Calif. "The training was beneficial because it was a different scenario than what we usually do during training exercises, which makes us more adaptable."

Lance Cpl. Joshua Dotson, a rifleman with second platoon, Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, said the role-players played their roles well.

"They seemed scared as they scrambled during the mock IED explosions," Dotson said, a native of Manchester, Md. "They came up to us asking for help and grabbing onto us. I focused on my squad's movement, which was to get to the embassy. Our lieutenant stepped aside to diffuse the situation with the civilians, and that helped us to stay focused. I better understood the importance of communication between squads, since anything can change."

Armbruster said conducting NEO training helps prepare them for the future.

"If anything, it helps put us into the proper mindset," Armbruster said. "Six months from now, this could be real, and the realism facilitates us to train harder and better. We can therefore respond to anything."

Marines with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment assist a role-player acting as a victim during a noncombatant evacuation operation training at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows military operations on urban terrain town, May 16.



Marines with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment conduct noncombatant evacuation operation training with role-players at MCTAB military operations on urban terrain town, May 16.



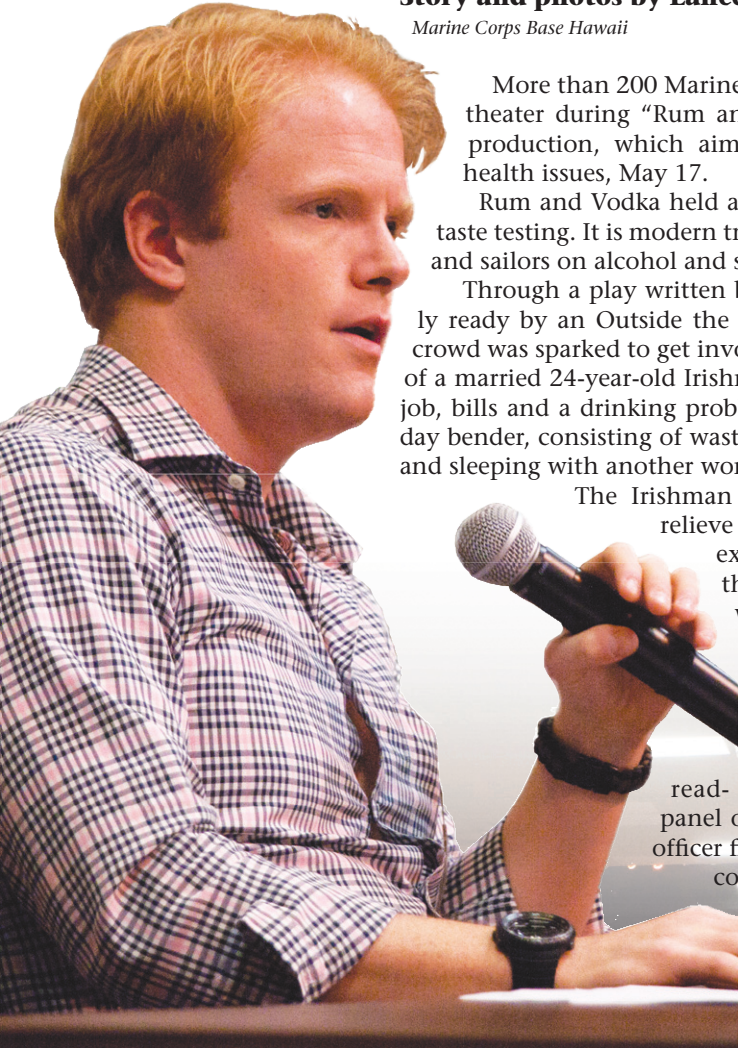
LEFT: A role-player with a mock wound cries for help during noncombatant evacuation operation training for Marines with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment at MCTAB military operations on urban terrain town, May 16.

RIGHT: Marines with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment assess the situation while approaching role-players during noncombatant evacuation operation training at MCTAB military operations on urban terrain town, May 16.



Not tasting, but hearing effects of ‘Rum and Vodka’

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii



More than 200 Marines and sailors gathered at the base theater during “Rum and Vodka,” an Outside the Wire production, which aims to create awareness of social health issues, May 17.

Rum and Vodka held at the base theater was far from a taste testing. It is modern training geared to educate Marines and sailors on alcohol and substance abuse.

Through a play written by Conor McPherson and actively ready by an Outside the Wire actor, Brendan Griffin, the crowd was sparked to get involved when he read out problems of a married 24-year-old Irishman, with two young children, a job, bills and a drinking problem. The story depicts his three-day bender, consisting of wasteful spending while bar hopping and sleeping with another woman.

The Irishman chose alcohol consumption to relieve himself of the life stresses he was experiencing. His story pointed out that alcohol only made everything worse.

During the 90-minute program, Rum and Vodka aimed to interact with the Marines and sailors present at the base theater. After Griffin finished reading Conor McPherson’s play, a panel of a Marine warrant officer, petty officer first class and the substance abuse counselor for Marine Corps Base Hawaii talked about their experiences dealing with alcohol abuse. After each of the three panel members spoke, audi-

ence members shared their thoughts on McPherson’s play and the panel’s comments.

Bryan Doerries, the artistic director of Rum and Vodka, facilitated audience participation by asking them questions about the production.

“Every Marine has a bright future but when they abuse alcohol or other substances, they rob themselves of everything they worked so hard to get,” said panelist Jaime Gutierrez, the substance abuse counselor for Marine Corps Base Hawaii. “Rum and Vodka showed Marines how alcohol abuse makes multiple problems for themselves.”

Marines and sailors offered their opinions and answered questions about the play. Audience members also engaged in dialogue among each other.

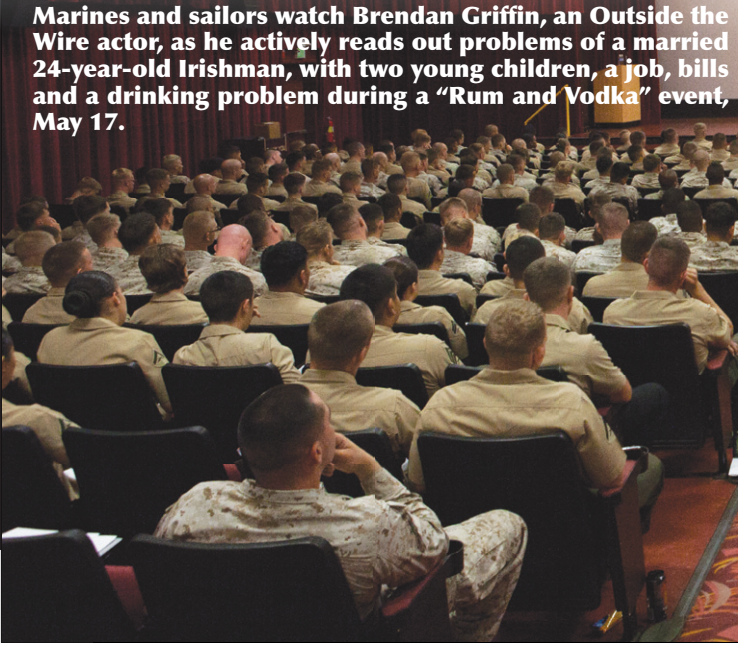
“I realized that if I ever think I have a drinking problem, then I probably do,” said Lance Cpl. Zachary Neuharth, an intelligence specialist with Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment and native of Courtland, Calif. “Everyone should rethink their drinking habits because over time it could affect them and others around them.”

Junior Marines hold the power to the Marines Corps’ future views on alcohol and substance abuse, Doerries said. Allowing each Marine the ability to converse on the effects of alcohol and substances, gives everyone in the room an eye opener to how serious the topic is.

The Marine Corps is still testing Rum and Vodka to see its’ effectiveness on Marines.

The production was presented to seven other bases before performing two shows at MCB Hawaii. Upcoming shows are scheduled at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point N.C.

“The whole tour has gone extremely well,” Doerries said. “The response we are getting is great and we look forward to the opportunity to continue our shows for all branches of military.”



Marines and sailors watch Brendan Griffin, an Outside the Wire actor, as he actively reads out problems of a married 24-year-old Irishman, with two young children, a job, bills and a drinking problem during a “Rum and Vodka” event, May 17.

MARINE FLEXES FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

HONOLULU — Kuuhaku Park, the Matson Inc. vice president of government and community relations, presents a certificate of excellence to Lance Cpl. Cody A. Jones, landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Battalion 3, May 9 during the Hawaii Military Appreciation Month Recognition Luncheon. Jones received the award for his outstanding contribution to the community, logging 775 volunteer hours in a six-month period teaching children in the gymnastics program at K-Bay Gymnastics on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and giving swim lessons to children. Jones was also the third runner-up for the MCB Hawaii community service award.



Cpl. Isis M. Ramirez | U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific



Sgt. Sarah Fiocco | Marine Rotational Force — Darwin

MARINES PREPARE FOR DEFENSIVE TRAINING

ROBERTSON BARRACKS, New Territory, Australia — Lance Cpl. Carlos Ortiz (right), rifleman, first platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force — Darwin, provides security as Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Vera (left), team leader, and Lance Cpl. Mitchell Taylor, rifleman, both with first platoon, Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, MRF-D, dig a fighting hole, May 8. This is the first overnight training evolution for this rotation of MRF-D Marines in which they conducted defensive training using fighting holes.

SANTOS, from A-1

between a deployed environment to garrison was difficult.

“I was angry at the way we did business,” Santos said. “It wasn’t like in combat. Here is your mission, here is how to do it, let’s go. Coming back to a process, I wasn’t all about the process. I wasn’t thinking about the bigger picture. I was so closed-minded. That’s what made me angry.”

Santos received psychiatric treatment in Barstow, Calif., in order to learn how to cope with his emotions and channel energy. Santos calls it “hippie stuff,” but he admits that it worked for him and re-energized his love for the Navy.

“I love it,” Santos said. “I love what I do. I love the job. I wouldn’t change it for anything. This is probably the best job the Navy has.”

When Santos recalls the sailors he went up against for the Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year award, he notes

how much more robust their programs and units were compared to the 22 sailors under his charge.

With zero boards under his belt, it was likely his combat experience helped him stand out among the others, but Santos insists the largest contributing factors to his award are the other sailors in his unit.

“(I was awarded) because of my sailors, all the hard work they did,” Santos said. “Their output, their work was so amazing, and it was recognized throughout (MAG-24) and (1st MAW). That’s why I got Sailor of the Year. I didn’t get it because of my accomplishments. I got it because of my Sailors’ accomplishments.”

Master Chief Petty Officer Chris Aldis, MarForPac command master chief, agreed that Santos’ sailors played a part in his ability to be the “360 degree sailor,” but that Santos earned the recognition primarily through his actions.

“He was filling an E-8 billet as an E-6,” Aldis said. “And not only filling it, but doing an exceptional job. He was running the whole show at MAG-24.”

His past accolades, including a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a Combat “V,” extensive hours of community service with children on base, higher level education and physical fitness performance throughout the past five years, all made Santos stand out.

Santos’ achievements have culminated with him traveling to the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., where his family from Guam attended his meritorious promotion to chief petty officer, May 16.

“He and only three other people in the Navy will be promoted like that,” Aldis said. “I’ve been training (petty officers) to become (chief petty officers) for 13 years. You can see certain people are just natural leaders, people are drawn to them. They’re a servant leader, they give themselves. Santos has that ... his personality just stands out to you. He’s open, caring, decisive - all of the qualities you’re looking for in a leader. I think he’s been a chief his whole career. He was just waiting for the promotion.”



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Capt. Morris Sharber Jr., commanding officer of Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, addresses guests at the battery’s deactivation ceremony at Dewey Square, Tuesday.

ECHO, from A-1

of the remaining 1st Bn., 12th Marine batteries, or leaving active duty. The battery’s two howitzers that stood behind these Marines throughout the ceremony were shipped to 12th Marine Regiment, based in Camp Smedley Butler, in Okinawa, Japan.

“When our time of deactivation is nigh, about two minutes from now, we will not die, we will merely slumber,” Sharber said.

“The battery will live on in the hearts of the Marines who stand behind me. The foundation we have built in the last 16 months will endure. I ask of the Marines behind me that when they go to their new batteries, they will take a little piece of Echo in their hearts with them. They’ll remember the lessons that I taught them and I’ll surely remember the lessons that they taught me. Thank you to all of them. Ladies and gentlemen, Echo endures, Semper Fidelis.”

SHOOT, from A-1

giving them only seconds to engage their targets.

“They have a very short window of target recognition. They’ve got to scan their target, ID their target, shoot it and then communicate with each other in order to let the other members of their team know who shot which card,” said 1st Sgt. William Conner, company first sergeant, Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, MRF-D. “It’s five-man teams, but they learned communication at a small-unit level.”

In addition to the stress of engaging and recognizing their targets within a short amount of time, the Marines also had to complete five squats and five push-ups before taking position at the firing line.

“The point of this shoot was to get the heart rate up a little bit. It’s a little harder to shoot when you have adrenaline pumping,” Conner said. “This was great training.”



Sgt. Sarah Fiocco | Marine Rotational Force-Darwin

Staff Sgt. Joseluis Mejia, platoon sergeant, First platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin, scores the shots fired by the Australian soldiers during a poker-shoot competition, May 16.

Sports & Health



Capt. Dennis Lear, the officer in charge of avionics for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, leads several other squadron members through the course of the Nuupia Ponds fun run held Wednesday. The run's starting point was near Pollock Field and followed a trail around the ponds for a more than 3.5 mile-long run.

Dawning new start for '101 Days of Summer'

**Story and photos by
Christine Cabalo**

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The new season of the '101 Days of Summer' sports program blazed onto Marine Corps Base Hawaii with a fun run around Nuupia Ponds held Wednesday.

The fun run is one of the opening events of the annual sports series encouraging Marines and sailors to lead a safe, substance-free lifestyle. Marine Corps Base Hawaii units will compete through August, earning points from sporting events and other competitions to win cash prizes for their discretionary funds.

"We took second place last year (in the large unit division)," said Staff Sgt. Elton Yu, the substance abuse counseling officer for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. "We're trying to get a solid start this year. The commanding officer is especially motivated for us to win, but also getting people to think that if something feels wrong, don't do it."

Yu's unit both raced in the fun run and provided volunteers to help at the finish line. Racers began near Pollock Field at 7 a.m. and continued for more than 3.5 miles, using a trail twisting around Nuupia Ponds to return to where they started.

Many racers appreciated the scenic highlights of the outdoor course as they ran it.

"The view is beautiful," said Cpl. Crystal Lucero, a fiscal clerk for the Supply Division of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. "Seeing the sunrise as you run and being close to the water is great. You get two views of nature at



Cpl. Stephen Gomez, Distribution Management Office warehouse clerk, Headquarters Battalion, stands with one of his unit's handmade guidons designed with an anti-drug message. Units earned more points for making special guidons for the event.

once."

Lucero was the fourth individual runner to cross the finish line and said her unit is hoping to participate in all of the events scheduled.

The '101 Days of Summer' program features a few changes this year, with fewer four-player tournaments due to appropriated fund budget cuts, said Neil Morgan, the health promotions coordinator with Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii.

Units are still able to earn points by participating and volunteering for '101 Days of Summer' events like the recent Nuupia Ponds run and for Commanding

Officer's Series races like the Sprint Triathlon.

"They can earn points by scheduling and attending health promotion classes like tobacco prevention, sexual health and responsibility, nutrition, physical fitness, chronic disease prevention, injury prevention, and alcohol and drug reduction," he said. "They can also earn points by going on line and taking the Navy Marine Corps Public Health Centers Health Risk Assessment."

With fewer four-player team events scheduled this year, some smaller units may be able to participate more without worrying about getting a required

number of people for an event.

The new schedule allows smaller units, like Wounded Warriors Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii, to focus on individual sports that can help with their fitness. They won first place in the small unit division last year, and unit coordinators said the '101 Days of Summer' season is something they look forward to every year.

"This series and other sporting events assist in getting service members actively doing things on base and in local community," said Gunnery Sgt. Curt Collins, the operations chief with Wounded Warriors Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii. "This helps recovery and helps them transition to the civilian community and helps with the overall appearance of Marine Corps in the community."

Units are especially keeping their eyes on the prize this year since coordinators added a new jackpot for third place in both the large and small unit divisions. Morgan said coordinators plan to offer the new third place prizes next year as well, made possible by non-appropriated funds and a first-time corporate sponsor.

The competition for the top prizes is on, but many participants at the Nuupia Ponds fun run said they joined up to send a bigger message.

"This is nice, participating for a good cause," Lucero said. "We need to support the effort against alcohol and drug abuse."

The next event offering points is a bowling tournament at K-Bay Lanes scheduled for June 5 at 5 p.m., rolling into the rest of the "101 Days of Summer."



Members of Headquarters Battalion finish the last leg of the Nuupia Ponds fun run held Wednesday morning. The run is one of several events units can compete in to earn points for the "101 Days of Summer" sports program. The top three high-scoring units for the small and large unit categories will receive cash prizes for their unit discretionary fund.



Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com.

If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

Which NHL team should advance to the Western Conference Finals: Chicago Blackhawks or Detroit Red Wings?

Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg VS. Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi

BRAGG — A pair of “Original Six” teams, the Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings, are a favored series as both teams are two juggernauts with large and loyal fan bases. I predict it will take seven games to advance to the Western Conference finals, but my bet is on the Detroit Red Wings. For 22 consecutive years the Wings have made the playoffs – a feat unmatched by any other American sports teams. Struggling to make the playoffs this year, the Red Wings managed to clinch a seventh seed playoff spot (their lowest playoff berth since 1993). The Wings are known all throughout the NHL as one of its best teams and with a large amount of veteran players. However, during the shortened-season lockout a lot of changes were made on the roster that left Detroit with a younger experienced team. However, the team has proven yet again to be a powerhouse not to be underestimated and is taking the fight to the Chicago Blackhawks.

LAPI — With the Blackhawks as the favored team, you may need to backpedal your enthusiasm for the Red Wings. If you think they are a powerhouse, then why have they just barely made it to the playoffs? They somehow managed to skate by the Anaheim Ducks, however, a dominant team should annihilate

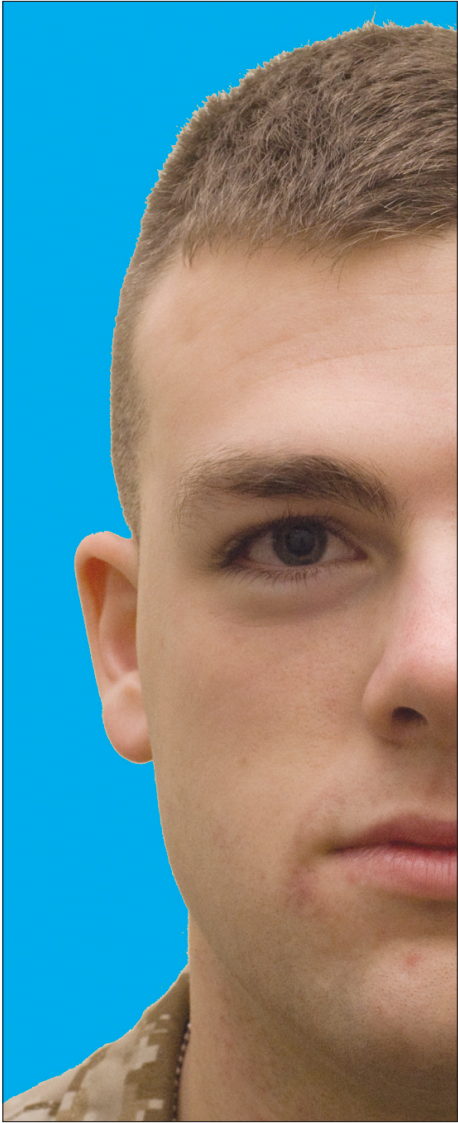
their opponents every time. The Blackhawks fit this description better than your Red Wings with only losing seven games this entire season. Your veteran team will be no match for Corey Crawford, the Blackhawks steady goalie, bolstered by frontline superstars Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews. The Blackhawks are definitely going to the finals, hands down.

BRAGG — You think just because the Blackhawks finished the regular season on top means they’re automatically going to the Stanley Cup finals and will win? News flash for you, most teams that win the President’s Trophy (the team with the best record at the end of the regular season) often don’t win the Cup, let alone make it to the finals. Also, last year marked history as the eighth seeded team, the Los Angeles Kings, marched through the playoffs with a 16-4 record. They eliminated the first, second and third seeded teams and went on to win the Stanley Cup. Not to mention they also made it into the playoffs by the skin of their teeth, just as the Red Wings did this year. So, the only difference between different seeded teams in the playoffs is simply home ice advantage. So before you go assuming the Blackhawks are going to

win the cup just because they merely lost seven games in the regular season, you might want to rethink your arguments. Not to mention the Red Wings are currently winning the series against the Blackhawks by 2-1.

LAPI — The Blackhawks are solid, starting the season 24 games without a regulation loss. The Red Wings had 24 wins and 16 losses. During the regular season, the Blackhawks dominated the Red Wings by winning all of their matchups, even when the Red Wings managed to take it to overtime. They have the advantage with a young, fresh team that allows them to utilize their star players longer than the Red Wings due to the worn out Detroit veterans. Jonathan Toews is a point per game player in the regular season, while Patrick Kane had 55 points in 47 games. For 30 games, Corey Crawford was in the net for 19 wins and 5 losses. We’ll see if the old men of your praised team can skate with these hard chargers. Hopefully they don’t fall down and break a hip on the ice.

****This debate column was written prior to Game 4 between the Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings series***



BRAGG



LAPI

Wardawgs lose game, not confidence: 16-0

Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

WAIPAHU, Hawaii — The Wardawgs all-women flag football team took the field with confidence but that wasn’t enough against the Wahine Koa’s rough play. Wahine Koa claimed the game, 16-0, at Waipahu High School, Saturday.

The Wardawgs is one of five teams with Hawaii Women’s Gridiron League and consists of Marines, military spouses and Department of Defense civilians from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. They are the smallest team in the league so most of the women play offensive and defensive positions. The rules are the same as football, except the women pull flags off their opponent’s belt, rather than tackle. They play 20-minute halves on a 100-yard football field. The season runs from April through June. Four teams play every weekend, so each team has a weekend off.

“This is my first season and I love it,” said Ruby Soto, a Marine and running back for the Wardawgs. “We have great communication and no drama on this team. It makes for a really good time.”

As the players took the field the Wardawgs were easy to spot, wearing an all black uniform and bright, colorful socks, while Wahine Koa wore gray jerseys.

When the women approached the line of scrimmage, the players were silent and serious. After the first play the women ran in all directions with great speed, intensity and brutal force.

The Wardawgs were the receiving team, fighting to get to the endzone. Their players were quick on their feet, but Wahine Koa’s players were brutal in force. Wahine Koa may not have been as swift or quick, but they were always a few steps ahead, almost as if they knew the plays.

In a flash, Wahine Koa intercepted the ball, and took it down the field ending in a touchdown.

The Wardawgs used both of their timeouts during the first half, trying to rethink their strategy.

Then out of the blue, the Wardawgs finally out-played Wahine Koa and drove to the end zone. But the referees called out a penalty on the Wardawgs, retracted the touchdown and restarted the play.

Toward the end of the first half, Wahine Koa had the ball and scored yet another touchdown. The Wardawgs held their ground and didn’t let it faze them. The first half ended with Wahine Koa winning 16-0. Despite the score, the women seemed to be enjoying themselves.

“It’s a great way to meet other women and exercise,” said Ilissa Cotton, a Marine spouse and center for the Wardawgs. “I love the competitiveness and camaraderie.”

After a pep talk from their coaches, the Wardawgs huddled together and chanted their team name for motivation. The Wardawgs cheered each other on and never blamed one another for bad plays or slip-ups.

Through the rest of the game Wahine Koa tried to push their way through the Wardawg’s defense, but never got close enough to score. The Wardawgs played harder in the second half, knocking down players and falling down themselves. It seemed to get a little personal at the end, with players from each team becoming frustrated with players of the opposing team, giving both teams a little more intensity.

“These ladies work really hard,” said Wardawgs coach, Matt Muzacz. “They are super dedicated and I am proud of them all.”

Unable to snag the victory this time, the Wardawgs prepare to bite back next game.



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Crystal Herrera, a Marine and safety for the Wardawgs women's flag football team, intercepts the ball during a game against Wahine Koa at Waipahu High School, Saturday.

KINGS OF BATTLE RULE GOLF COURSE

Sgt. Jonathan Yearian, a fire direction controlman with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, takes a shot from one of the back nine holes during his unit's tournament held May 17 at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. The overall team who won the tournament included four players: 1st Sgt. Todd Braun, 1st Lt. Sean Salefske, 1st Lt. PJ Ostlund and Staff Sgt. Corey Foster.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

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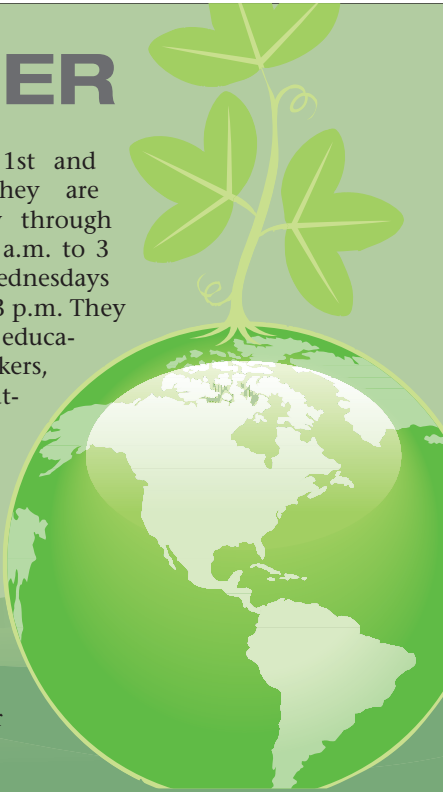
Keep recyclables out of the trash

Walk those extra steps and put your recyclables in the recycle bin. Recently the inspector's office found recyclable items in trash dumpsters around



the installation. And Headquarters Marine Corps auditors cited the base for several violations during last month's compliance evaluation. According to Base Order 5500.15B, dumpsters with recyclables in it will not be emptied until the violation is corrected. The unit assigned that dumpster must correct the problem. Trash disposal is expensive on this small island and bad for the environment. On the flip side, the sale of recyclables generates income that's used for new bins and services to make recycling easier for everyone. Do the right thing and turn in recyclable items properly. Common recyclable items include white paper, newspaper, glass, aluminum cans, plastic beverage bottles, corrugated cardboard, metals, wood and pallets. Housing residents may bring recyclables to the Recycling Center during business hours. If after hours, drop them in the recycling trailers located outside the center's gate. The Recycling Center is located in building 132, MCB Hawaii at the in-

tersection of 1st and D Streets. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. except Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. They offer recycling education, signs, stickers, and indoor/outdoor bins. Tell them what your needs are and they will do their best to accommodate them. Call the Recycling Center Site Manager at 257-4300.



COMMUNITY, SPORTS BRIEFS

Tackle Sexual Assault Tournament

The 8-on-8 Tackle Sexual Assault Tournament is scheduled for June 1 at 9 a.m. at the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters field aboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. All are eligible to play. Each team must have a minimum of two people of the opposite gender. There is an entry fee, and all proceeds go toward the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Registration ends today, however late registration will be accepted. Call Tasha Joseph at 257-5041, ext. 314 or email eustacia.joseph@med.navy.mil for more information or to register.

Talk Story Camp

Come to 3rd annual Talk Story Camp, July 19 to 21, for three days and two nights of stories at Camp Paumalu on the North Shore of Oahu. It will be a convergence of storytelling people and families retreating into the hills of Pupukea. There will be local storytellers and mainland guests, food, hikes, workshops and more. For details email jeffgere@lava.net or call 737-1774, or visit <http://www.talkstorycamp.com>.

Join the First Tee of Hawaii

The First Tee of Hawaii is offering its junior golf program free of charge to children of active duty, reservist and National Guard service members. The program is open to children ages 7 to 18 at the Bay View Golf Range Driving range on Kaneohe Bay Drive, Sundays at 11 a.m. The program teaches valuable life skills, and participants learn how to play golf. To register, show up to practice, Sundays at 11 a.m. For details, go to <http://www.thefirstteehawaii.org> or call 478-3466.

Childbirth classes offered at ASYMCA

Expecting a baby? Simplify your birth experience with childbirth classes located at the ASYMCA on base. Dates for upcoming group class series are Thursday, June 6, June 13, June 20 and June 27. There are fees for five sessions, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Childbirth education has the potential to reduce your fears and manage pain, teach you what to expect and what choices are available. The class covers numerous topics including pregnancy comfort and nutrition, stages and phases of labor, pain in labor, the first hour of baby's life, body after birth and breastfeeding. This class does not cover the benefits or drawbacks of drugs. It's about preparation and building confidence for the big day.

The best time to take childbirth education is when the mother-to-be is about 30 weeks along in her pregnancy. Classes are taught by Nicia Platt, a military spouse and Lamaze certified childbirth educator. Call 780-1357, email nicia@rightpathbirthclass.com, or visit <http://www.rightpathbirthclass.com> for details.

Grants available for job training, employment services for homeless female veterans, veterans with families

The U.S. Department of Labor has up to \$5 million available to fund 16 or more homeless female veterans and veterans with families. Approximately 1,900 veterans will receive job training and related services to help them succeed in civilian careers.

Funds for the grants are awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce boards, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and faith-based and community organizations. Grantees must be familiar with the areas and populations to be served, and have demonstrated that they can administer effective programs and coordinate their efforts with various local, state and federal social service providers. Homeless female veterans and veterans with families may receive occupational, classroom and on-the-job training, as well as job search and placement assistance, including follow-up services. Potential applicants seeking more information should visit <http://www.dol.gov/vets> or call grants officer Cassandra Mitchell at 202-693-4570.

Veterans Entrepreneurship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program through midnight Oct. 1. The VEP provides a rigorous entrepreneurial learning and development opportunity eligible veterans interested in starting a venture as a means to financial independence or have an existing business that they would like to grow profitably. The VEP offers a training program built around hands-on learning, personalized interaction and exposure to inspiring role models. At the heart of the VEP is an intense, eight-day training program at Oklahoma State University, which will cover topical modules comprising the critical areas of success for new and early stage ventures. These eight days are preceded by a five-week self study component and are then followed by a 10-month period of mentorship and online peer-to-peer networking.

Travel expenses, lodging and meals for the Phase II bootcamp are provided at no cost to each delegate. Applicants are notified of admission or rejection on a rolling basis. Final notification is made to all applicants by Oct. 25. Due to limited space, a signed commitment letter must be received within a week of acceptance. Applications are online at <http://entrepreneurship.okstate.edu/vep>. Contact Riata Center for Entrepreneurship at (405) 744-7552, or at vep@okstate.edu with questions.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard seeking apprentices

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility is seeking its next class of

apprentices. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Apprentice Program is a partnership between the Shipyard, the U.S. Department of Labor and Honolulu Community College. Apprentices receive full-time employment, hands-on training, and a tuition-free, Applied Trades degree from HCC.

Applications must be submitted through <http://www.usajobs.gov>, the Federal government's official one-stop source for federal jobs and employment information. Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens and 18 years old at the time of appointment. Males are required to be registered with the Selective Service System. Applicants who do well on the exam are then scheduled for a personal interview, and will be required to pass a physical exam to obtain a security clearance. The selection process normally takes approximately three months. All notifications are made through email; thus it is critical that applicants provide a valid email address with their resumes.

Individuals hired as apprentices for this new class will begin their employment in January 2014. At the end of four years, apprentice program graduates will have received a minimum of 7,200 hours of training in on-the-job training; trade theory; and academic study. Additional information on the Shipyard can be found at <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.

101 Days of Summer volunteers needed

The Health Promotion Office is seeking volunteers for the 101 Days of Summer events this year. Volunteers will be needed at the health fairs, the field meet and the Nuupia Ponds Fun Run/Walk. Units receive 20 points per person, with a maximum of 10 people from each unit per event. Marines and sailors who volunteer will receive points for their units and letters of appreciation from Marine Corps Community Services. Contact Karley Peterson at 254-7593 or Neil Morgan at 254-7636 with questions.

MARINE MAKEPONO
Means ‘Marine Bargains’ in Hawaiian

Kaneohe studio apartment for rent. Large deck with ocean view of Chinaman's Hat and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Includes custom bathroom with hot tub/shower, covered parking, refrigerator and sink with disposal. No smoking or barbecuing. \$1,300. Call 239-5459 for details.

If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in building 216, room 19. Please have your military ID and a short write-up of what you'd like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES MEMORIAL PARK, Hawaii — The replica of the Japanese Byodo-In Buddhist temple stays concealed in the farthest point of the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park.



Culture mix of religious history

Story and photos by
Cpl. James A. Sauter

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The freedom of religion gave American culture a unique twist that so many different religions can co-reside within a single common culture. Hawaii is one such example of a cultural mixing bowl of religion, even before Hawaii be-



A Buddha statue sits in front of the entrance walkway to the replica of the Japanese Byodo-In Buddhist temple at the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park.

came the 50th state in 1959. With the introduction of foreigners to the Hawaiian Islands over the centuries, present day Hawaii is home to many religious cultures, including Christianity, Buddhism and the native Hawaiian religion.

According to <http://www.hawaiihistory.org>, ancient

Polynesians arrived no later than the 9th century A.D., and settled on the islands. The religion the native Hawaiians brought with them was polytheistic and focused on the notion of spirits being found in non-human subjects such as animals, waves, volcanoes and wind.

The ancient Hawaiians built heiaus (religious site or temple) during the 17th century, according to the Hawaii state parks website. Heiaus were used as political, economic and religious centers until the reign of King Kamehameha I ended in 1819 and his son



Light shines through a stain-glass window in the Parke Chapel at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu.



The Cathedral of St. Andrew was completed in 1886 at the direction of Queen Emma, who dedicated the church to her late husband, King Kamehameha IV, who died on St. Andrew's Day in 1863.

abolished the traditional Hawaiian religion, such as the kapu system which forbade various social practices, and with that eliminated the strict religious social structure.

"The Puu O Mahuka temple was really vast and it was interesting to see an old piece of history still with us today," said Melissa Turi, a tourist visiting from Ohio with her mother, Julie. "I like to imagine what one of those ceremonies here must have been like."

In 1820, protestant Christian missionaries arrived from New England, according to <http://www.hawaiihistory.org>. Rev. Hiram Bingham built a mission headquarters in Honolulu and the missions began recording the Hawaiian language. During the 1860's, King Kamehameha IV and his wife Queen Emma helped bring the Anglican Church to Hawaii.

Kamehameha IV had the prayer books and scripture translated from English into Hawaiian so his people could better understand the Anglican denomination. Queen Emma oversaw the construction of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu, but didn't live to see the end of its completion in 1886.

"I've lived here on Oahu for 20 years and I really enjoy the blend of Hawaiian and English languages at the church services I've attended," said John Donaldson, a Honolulu resident. "I like learning languages and it gives me a chance to read and sing Hawaiian."

Apart from western influences, foreigners traveling from the Far East

brought their own heritage and religious beliefs. Japanese immigrants first arrived in Hawaii in 1868, while the St. Andrew's Cathedral was being constructed. The Valley of the Temples Memorial Park on Oahu was established in 1963 to serve as a burial ground for people of different faiths, particularly Buddhism and Christianity.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Japanese immigrants coming to Hawaii, a replica of the Japanese Byodo-In Buddhist temple was built in 1968. The non-practicing temple

is smaller than the original in Japan and is open as a tourist attraction. The temple is home to the Amida Buddha, a nine-foot tall Buddha first carved out of wood then covered in cloth and painted gold.

"After seeing Waikiki, Melissa and I wanted to explore the island and see more cultural things instead of just the commercial," said Julie Turi after seeing the Byodo-In temple. "The area was really relaxing and beautiful. I appreciate seeing so many different cultural influences here in Hawaii."



The Parke Chapel is located next to the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu and hosts smaller services and daily vigils.

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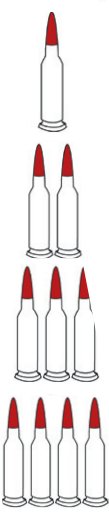
- 1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.
- 2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.
- 3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.
- 4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.

Better Know A Critic



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Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg enjoys films of all genres, but his favorites usually fall in the science fiction genre. He critiques movies not by the way they look, but by the way the cinematography portrays the characters that blend together with the film's story plot.

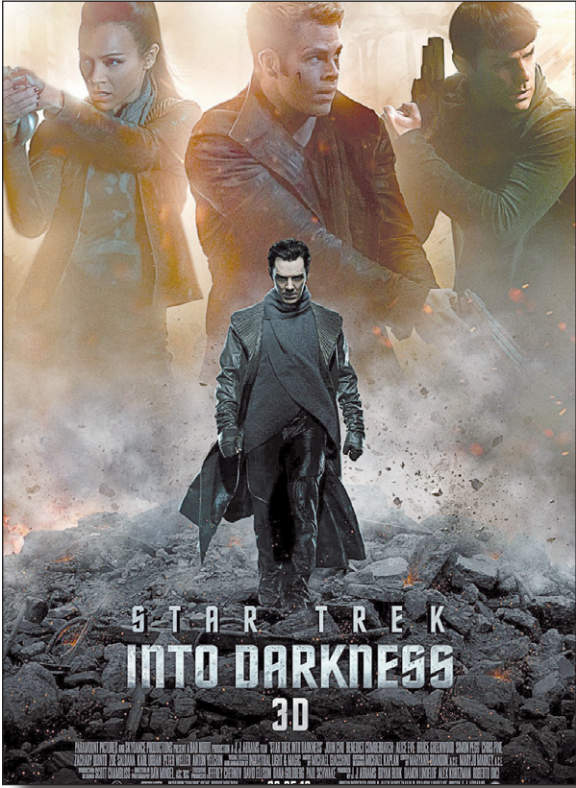
‘Star Trek Into Darkness’: A revamped blockbuster, great cast

Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg
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Director J.J. Abrams’ Star Trek sequel hit the ground running right from the start in what was a highly anticipated movie release. Taking charge of the franchise, Abrams created a new Trek film that is a faster paced, run-and-gun type movie, with more flare and appeal.

The film dives right into action as Capt. James T. Kirk (Chris Pine) and his crew of USS Enterprise attempt to save a culture of white mud-caked people from a destructive volcano that threatens to destroy their entire planet. Upon doing so, Kirk violates the Prime Directive of Starfleet Command to save First Officer Spock (Zachary Quinto), which leads to a demotion and the loss of his ship.

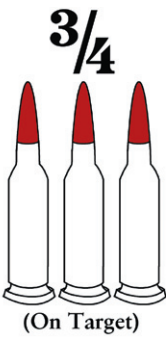
Meanwhile, a special agent gone rogue, John Harrison (Benedict Cumberbatch), initiates an act of terrorism against Starfleet and murders Kirk’s mentor and friend, Christopher Pike (Bruce Greenwood). Afterward, Harrison retreats to war-zone world where Starfleet is forbidden to travel. Kirk confronts his superior, Adm. Alexander Marcus (Peter Weller), and receives permission to pursue



Harrison and eliminate him. The plot sets up the rest of the film on a roller-coaster ride filled with thrill, mystery and most of all, vengeance.

Many original Star Trek fans, or Trekkies, are disgruntled over the portrayal of “Star Trek Into Darkness” as some scenes were directly pulled from one of the original Trek films, “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.” However, Abrams found a loophole that allowed him to create his own version of the story due to the way the first reboot of Star Trek was written. In “Star Trek (2009)” Abrams incorporated a wormhole that lead to an alternate reality, or parallel universe, which opened the way for the new Trek films to explore uncharted territory.

The cast, many reprising their previous roles, were magnificent in “Star Trek Into Darkness” due to their abilities to play off of each other, especially Pines and Quinto. It was essential that Abrams find the right cast members to play the parts of Kirk and Spock, and he did just that.



Marines, Kailua Elementary splash into summer

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KAILUA, Hawaii — Kailua Elementary School students and Manpower, Personnel and Administration Marines defied the scorching sun, drenching each other with hoses, buckets and sponges teeming with cool water, on the campus lawn, May 17.

The MPA Marines assisted with the school’s Ho Ike picnic and water play day, which included stations featuring various water activities like a makeshift water slide, sprinkler and relay races.

For a number of years, the Marines and sailors of MPA have volunteered with Kailua Elementary through the Adopt-a-School Program. The Marines and sailors provided various types of support, from helping the children during their physical education classes, or providing support during the last day of school.

“The teachers are happy that we’re out there,” said Sgt. Demetrio DiazCabrera, the base’s MPA chief. “Kids like to see us out there helping them out.”

The native of Santiago, Dominican Republic, took over duties as the volunteer coordinator last November.

Each time Kailua Elementary requests volunteers, DiazCabrera emails everyone in the department. Occasionally there are more than enough willing to volunteer.

Upbeat music like “Electric Slide” and “Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride” played as faculty and staff escorted children to individual stations. More than half a dozen Marines split up among the stations and took on various tasks, from explaining the rules of the games to replenishing water buckets.

Cpl. Geomary Diaz, an administrative clerk with MPA gave high fives to children as tried the water limbo station, walking beneath a low pole covered in water hoses. Diaz herself even low-crawled beneath the pole with the children, covering her uniform in mud, grass and water.

“The sixth graders are very competitive,” Diaz said. “They wanted to race me in low-crawling. Those little girls and boys are like spider monkeys.”

Lance Cpl. Evan DuBose, an administrative clerk with Installation Personnel Administration Center, manned a water cup race station, instructing the children to run up to a bucket of water with a red cup, and holding a full cup of water on their head, run back to



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Cpl. Geomary Diaz, administrative clerk, Manpower, Personnel and Administration (center), low-crawls at the water limbo station with sixth graders Reggaen Eugenio and Artaysia Hashimoto during Kailua Elementary School’s Ho Ike picnic and water play day on campus, May 17.

their line and empty the cup in an empty trash bin.

DuBose, 21, of Crystal Lake, Ill., said it was fun volunteering at Kailua Elementary, especially when he has the opportunity to interact with the children. During this event, his interaction included water fights with the children.

Pfc. Steven Mafla, administrative clerk with IPAC, manned a station in which children hopped across a basketball court holding a beach ball between their feet. He said active duty service members never visited his school when he was a child, so he thought it was cool to be able to engage with the community. While he spent time at the school, the 20-year-old native of Pomona, Calif., also fielded many questions from the inquisitive children, who asked him about military haircuts and the scariest thing he’s ever had to do as a Marine.

Lance Cpl. Juan David Taborda, an administrative clerk with the adjutant’s office, filled sponges with water and handed them to the lines

of children who handed the sponge over and under to the back of the line. Taborda said the kindergarteners were the best because they devoted the most time to playing the games.

As the water fun finished for the day, the Marines enjoyed sweet, cold treats provided by the school, and sat in the sun to dry before returning to work.

DiazCabrera said the group hopes to have new events in the future, such as working dog demonstrations with the provost marshal’s office and bringing military vehicles for the children to see, such as humvees.

For DiazCabrera, the best part about volunteering is receiving thanks from the children after each event and “knowing that at the end that we did a good job for the kids.”

Marines, sailors help shelter dogs

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HONOLULU — Early Sunday morning, Marines and sailors with the Single Marine and Sailor Program, piled into a white van at Kahuna’s Recreation Center, and headed to the Hawaiian Humane Society in Honolulu, to run and walk the dogs at the shelter.

When the Marines and sailors arrived at the shelter, they were led into the kennel area where each person stood in front of a cage. As soon as the dogs saw them entering the kennel area they began whimpering and barking with excitement. Tails were wagging, and tongues hanging out. It was easy to see how happy the dogs were just seeing people and knowing they were going to go for a run.

Two at a time they took the dogs out and walked them over to a small patch of grass where they waited for the others. Once everyone was around the patch of grass, they made their way to a gate. One by one they filed through the gate, dogs by their sides, and began running the two-mile trail.

“This is my second time volunteering with the dogs,” said Lance Cpl. Tyler Ponte, signals intelligence with 3rd Radio Battalion. “I would recommend it to everyone. We can’t have dogs in the barracks so this is the next best thing.”

The dogs weren’t the only ones visibly happy. The Marines and sailors demeanor changed as soon as they saw the dogs. With smiles on their faces and soft words, they introduced themselves to their running partner for the morning. They squatted down to the dogs’ level, rubbed their stomachs, and

cuddled them. It was hard to tell who was enjoying it more, the human or the canine.

Before they set off on their run, the dogs were bouncing around. They were barking, jumping around with excitement, and pulling the handler in different directions. But once they returned, the dogs were lagging behind, tongues out. Some of the dogs flopped in the grass, while others lapped up water.

“It’s not just a good workout for the dogs, it’s a good workout for us too,” said Lance Cpl. Michael Pounds, SIGINT operator with 3rd Radio Battalion. “And it’s a good way to help out in the community.”

Once the Marines and sailors returned the dogs to the kennel, they were encouraged to choose another dog and walk him or her around the small fenced in park. Certain dogs could only take walks because of injuries or prior surgeries. Either way, all of the shelter dogs left their kennels and enjoyed bonding with a human friend.

“I’m a huge dog lover,” said Pfc. Issac Toruilliere, supply clerk with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. “It feels good coming out and playing with the dogs. Even this little bit makes a difference in the dog’s life.”

The SMSP usually volunteers with the shelter bi-monthly sometimes more. For more information on the SMSP or volunteering at the Hawaiian Humane Society, call 254-7593 or email peterstonko@usmc-mccs.org.

Pfc. Issac Toruilliere, supply clerk with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, plays with Jessica, a dog up for adoption at the Hawaiian Humane Society in Honolulu, Sunday.



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SHOUT HOORAY FOR MAY DAY



Photo courtesy of Mokapu Elementary School
Keoni Wilhelm, Mokapu Elementary School principal, performs a hula during the school's May Day celebration, recently. The students performed songs and dances honoring Hawaiian culture. The holiday was officially adopted by state officials in the 1920s.